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## RESPONSE TO 09/26/08 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## INTRODUCTION

Claims 15-28 remain in the application. Claims 1-14 are canceled. Claims 15-28 are rejected.